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GROUP ART UNIT: ~~(Unassigned)~~ 3747  
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☐ 4. Relevance of the non-English language reference(s) is discussed in the present specification.

☐ 5. The reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

☐ 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be

construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

☐ 8. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.

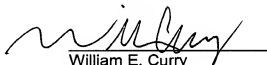
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☐ 10. English-language Abstracts are attached to the non-English language references.

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☒ 12. Other: The references were cited in the International Search Report and the Preliminary Examination Report. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

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